Get Smart !

Smoking Safety

WHAT TO DO

If you smoke, you need to be aware of the fire risks and take steps to avoid them.

Never smoke in bed!
It's just too easy to fall asleep. You fall asleep, the cigarette falls from your fingers, the bedclothes start burning, and you never wake up because the fumes kill you.

Don't smoke if you're drowsy
...Especially if you're sitting down in a comfortable chair or if you've been drinking or taking prescription drugs. Again, it's too easy to fall asleep.

Don't leave a lit cigarette
...Or a cigar or pipe. They can easily overbalance as they burn down, land on a carpet or a newspaper, and start a fire. Never leave a cigarette burning down on the edge of a table or shelf.

Make sure the ashtray is heavy, can't tip over easily, and is made of a material that won't burn.

Always double-check they're stubbed out
Make totally sure cigarette and cigar butts, or what you knock out of a pipe bowl, aren't burning when you've finished with them. Wet them and empty the ashtray into a metal bin outside the house.

And never tap your ash into a waste paper basket - only an ashtray.

Use a proper ashtray
Make sure it can't be easily knocked over and avoid a build-up of ash an

Don't leave matches or lighters lying around!
Children love them. And every year children die starting fires with matches and lighters they shouldn't have had. It doesn't take more than a couple of minutes for a child left on their own to start a fire.

Keep lighters, matches and smoking materials out of reach of children. You can also buy child-resistant lighters and child-resistant containers for match boxes.